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WASHINGTON, August 16, 1990 -- Carloadings originated on major U.S. railroads during the week ended August 11 totaled 335,910, down 1.9 percent from the corresponding week of 1989 and 0.6 percent below the preceding week of 1990, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. The railroads reporting account for approximately 94 percent of all rail carloads.

Carloadings originated were down 2.7 percent in the East and 1.1 percent in the West, compared with a year ago.

From the comparable 1989 week, loadings of metallic ores were down 5,842 cars (27.8 percent).

Cumulative carloadings for the first 32 weeks of 1990 totaled 10,797,264, up 1.4 percent from the comparable period of 1989.

Intermodal traffic on Class I railroads -- not included in the carloadings -- totaled 117,221 trailers and/or containers for the week ended August 11, up 2.6 percent from the corresponding 1989 week.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 32 weeks of 1990 was 3,726,933 trailers and/or containers, 3.8 percent above the comparable 1989 total.

The AAR also estimated that ton-miles carried on major railroads in the week ended August 11 totaled 20.5 billion, up 2.0 percent from the corresponding week of 1989. Cumulative volume for the first 32 weeks of 1990 was an estimated 639.8 billion ton-miles, up 4.3 percent from the comparable period of last year.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING AUGUST 11, 1990

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING AUGUST 11, 1990	COMPARISON WITH SAME WEEK OF 1989	CHANGE	COMPARISON WITH PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	26,333	26,479	-.6 %	26,462	-.5 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	830	933	-11.0	896	-7.4
Metallic Ores	15,168	21,010	-27.8	21,575	-29.7
Coal	130,373	130,185	.1	128,787	1.2
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	17,965	17,514	2.6	16,812	6.9
Nonmetallic Minerals	10,657	11,173	-4.6	9,486	12.3
Grain Mill Products	9,962	9,521	4.6	9,778	1.9
Food & Kindred Products	8,423	8,955	-5.9	8,829	-4.6
Primary Forest Products	10,033	10,591	-5.3	10,041	-.1
Lumber & Wood Products	5,956	6,551	-9.1	6,227	-4.4
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	10,273	10,403	-1.2	10,605	-3.1
Chemicals	27,520	27,073	1.7	27,891	-1.3
Petroleum Products	5,476	5,583	-1.9	5,054	8.3
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	10,385	11,272	-7.9	10,240	1.4
Coke	5,842	5,516	5.9	5,787	1.0
Metals & Products	9,633	8,854	8.8	9,961	-3.3
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	15,732	16,235	-3.1	14,768	6.5
Waste & Scrap Materials	8,841	8,115	8.9	8,451	4.6
All Other Carloads	6,508	6,491	.3	6,196	5.0
Total	**335,910**	**342,454**	**-1.9 %**	**337,848**	**-.6 %**

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING AUGUST 11, 1990 1990	1989	CHANGE	CUMULATIVE: 32 WEEKS ENDING AUGUST 11, 1990 1990	1989	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	**335,910**	**342,454**	**-1.9 %**	**10,797,264**	**10,649,502**	**1.4 %**
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	61,361	64,953	-5.5	2,083,727	2,091,203	-.4
Containers	55,860	49,345	13.2	1,643,206	1,500,111	9.5
Total	**117,221**	**114,298**	**2.6**	**3,726,933**	**3,591,314**	**3.8**
Estimated Ton-Miles						
Class I Railroads (Billions)	**20.5**	**20.1**	**2.0 %**	**639.8**	**613.4**	**4.3 %**

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